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The Colorado Avalanche's John Mitchell is checked by the Oilers' Ryan Nugent-Hopkins during the second period in Edmonton, Tuesday. The Avalanche won 4-1. Story, page 21.

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# Mould discovery sends elementary students packing

## Good Shepherd School.

No respiratory concerns have been reported, school board says



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Hundreds of students at an Edmonton elementary will be spending the last month of their semester at a different school after engineers discovered mould spreading throughout the building's walls.

For the safety of staff and students at Good Shepherd School in west Edmonton, the facility will be closed down starting May 20 to undertake a \$5.5-million fix for water damage, according to the Edmonton Catholic School Board.

"There's never a good time

to move students, but we feel that it's so important to get this work done so we can reopen the school for the next school year," said ECS spokesperson Lori Nagy.

Parents were first notified in November 2013 that the school required maintenance work, but received a letter March 25 alerting them that students needed to be moved in order to address mould found in the interior walls. The ECS believes the mould was the result of moisture that accumulated after two summers of heavy rainfall.

While contractors have confirmed evidence of mould, they won't know the extent until the shell of the building is removed, Nagy said.

A district-hired engineer has tested the school's air quality and determined it safe, Nagy added, noting the district hasn't received any complaints

## Addressing concerns

Chief medical officer Christopher Sikora is expected to attend a Thursday meeting at the school to answer questions or concerns of parents.

of respiratory concerns to date.

Good Shepherd parent council chairperson Cindy Shepel said fellow parents were shocked to learn of the mould.

"At first there was some concern," Shepel said. "Obviously it's a different environment and a lot of unknowns for parents."

Students in kindergarten to Grade 2 will be sent to Our Lady of Victories, while students in Grade 3 to 6 will go to the neighbouring H.E. Beriault School.

Alberta Health Services has been notified about the issue.

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## 'Culture of waste'

### Alberta spent \$460K a day on health consulting, Wildrose charge

The Opposition Wildrose party says Alberta Health Services billed taxpayers \$460,000 a day for consultants on everything from computer programming to art advice.

The party released documents Tuesday it obtained under freedom-of-information rules for more than 500 consulting contracts over an 18-month period that ended last September.

"They're symbolic of the culture of waste that is alive and well in Alberta Health Services," said Wildrose health critic Heather Forsyth. "The front-line health workers who hold our system together continue to be starved for the resources while rich contracts are handed out to high-priced consultants for things like improving Alberta Health Services' public image."

Forsyth said the data are disturbing given the Canadian Institute of Health Information reported last week that Alberta's 85-day wait time for lung cancer surgery is the longest in the nation.

Wildrose critic Rob Anderson said three-quarters of the money, about \$350,000 a day, went to IT consultants.

Anderson said he's not alleging all the contracts were frivolous, but said, "when \$350,000 is spent every single day merely on IT consulting, I think it's reasonable to ask if taxpayers are getting good value for money."

Anderson said \$3 million was spent on communications and marketing consultation. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Medicine Hat. Rats are back

Alberta's rat-free status is once again under attack from the relentless rodent colony occupying a garbage dump in Medicine Hat.

On Tuesday, city officials declared "several rats" were spotted at the landfill during further investigation into the discovery of a lone long-tailed critter in a farmer's field.

It's renewed fears of the last great infestation. In August 2012, provincial pest experts launched "Operation Haystack," bagging about 150 car-



Rats have once again been found in Medicine Hat. **THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE**

casses in the eradication mission. It was one of largest body counts recorded since Alberta's rat-control program began in 1952. **BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO**

## Trail system. Terwillegar bridge gets green light

City councillors have paved the way for a new footbridge across the North Saskatchewan River, but will spend some more time on a trail leading to it.

Councillors approved an environmental assessment for the Terwillegar Park Foot Bridge Tuesday, but asked for more work on trails on the north side of the river.

Coun. Michael Oshry said

he believes the city can find a better alignment for the trails, but didn't want to stall the bridge in the meantime.

"I'm pretty confident that we're going to be able to provide a trail system that can be used by different people," he said.

The bridge is estimated to cost \$24 million and will open in 2016.

**RYAN TUMILTY/METRO**

# Police: No new leads in Hundsdoerfer case

## Search and rescue. Police keeping an open mind in search for missing woman

Weather and heavy snow have plagued the search efforts of Rocky Mountain House search and rescue teams as they continue to look for Anina Hundsdoerfer.

After more than two weeks of searching, few clues have surfaced in the case of the missing 32-year-old Edmonton woman last seen March 22.

While rescue teams were back out to search an area west of Rocky Mountain House where Hundsdoerfer's car was

located Monday, the search was once again suspended due to the heavy snow pack.

"The amount of snow out there makes it very difficult," said Rocky Mountain House RCMP Sgt. Michael Numan. "We've done the best we can with the resources we have and the conditions allow."

"We still have a missing person out there," he added.

Hundsdoerfer's vehicle was found on Highway 734 between Rocky Mountain House and Nordegg though no signs of her have been uncovered in subsequent searches.

Numan said teams in Rocky Mountain House would continue searching in the area unless they locate any information that could lead investigators in a different direction.

"Our members are going to be frequently (searching) that area and looking at the snow levels," Numan said.

"Once we figure we can do a little more, we will be back out there."



Rocky Mountain House RCMP continued their search Monday for Anina Hundsdoerfer, a local Edmonton woman missing since March 22. **CONTRIBUTED**

Edmonton police's Sgt. Neil Zurawell said EPS is also con-

tinuing its own investigation in the city. **LEAH GERMAIN/METRO**

## Days missing

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The number of days Hundsdoerfer has been missing

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## Complete Streets. Early talks on bike infrastructure prompted by residents

Some city residents are getting things rolling when it comes to talking west downtown bicycle infrastructure.

West Downtown Complete Streets — an ad hoc group — are hosting a special meeting with the Oliver Community League Wednesday night to talk about how cyclists, pedestrians and residents can move forward with getting the word out on what they want for the area.

"In our experience, it always pays to have more hands on deck," said Duncan Kinney, chair of West Downtown Complete Streets.

Knocking on doors along the proposed 102 Avenue bike infrastructure route, email campaigns and discussion with councillors are all ideas that have been floated around when talking about what should be done to make 102 Avenue safer for all types of pedestrians, according to Kinney.

The ideas will be fleshed out more at the meeting, with the group chair adding



City residents will be meeting to talk about west downtown bike infrastructure. METRO FILE

separate bike lanes would be the "gold standard" but community members are "keeping their options open."

City officials say they are in the early planning stages for the 102 Avenue proposed bike route, with a public engagement session tentatively scheduled in June.

The meeting will be held at Oliver Community League Hall (10326 118 St.) from 8 to 9 p.m. **STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO**

### Alarm system

## Alberta river experts ready for flooding

River forecasters say more alarms and improved communication means they're better prepared to handle a flood like the one that devastated the southern part of the province last spring.

An alarm system that tracks river levels now also monitors about 40 rain gauges in flood-prone areas. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Vehicle search

## Charges laid after weapons found at Coutts border

Border services authorities have laid charges against Michael Hillyard, who they say tried to bring prohibited weapons through the southern Coutts border.

A 9 mm handgun, a 9 mm over-capacity magazine and another 9 mm magazine were discovered during a vehicle check last September. **METRO**



Mayor Don Iveson celebrates with supporters on election night in October 2013. Iveson spent \$576,000 on his campaign for mayor, according to new financial disclosures. METRO FILE

# Mayor Don Iveson gets value for votes

## Financial disclosure.

Mayor spent \$576,000 during campaign, while Leibovici, who ran a deficit, spent \$813,000



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Mayor Don Iveson won last fall's vote despite being vastly outspent by his leading opponent, Karen Leibovici.

The financial numbers from the 2013 election were released on Tuesday and show Iveson's bid for mayor cost \$576,000. Iveson raised more

than that in donations during the campaign, leaving him with a \$42,000 surplus he can carry into the next election.

Leibovici spent much more than Iveson, coming in at \$813,000, and finished with a \$142,000 deficit. Third-place challenger Kerry Diotte spent \$179,852 on his campaign.

Based on the votes they received on election day, Iveson spent \$4.35 for every vote he received, Diotte spent \$5.46 for every ballot cast in his name and Leibovici spent \$19.76.

Mayor Don Iveson said his team never spent money it didn't have.

"I'm pleased with the way the campaign was run. We were always very fiscally

disciplined," he said.

Iveson said during all of his campaigns the emphasis has been on volunteers.

"If you can mobilize a great group of volunteers, that goes a long way," he said.

Leibovici said her campaign spent based on donations they were promised and that are still coming in.

"We did have a bit of a deficit, but the reality is we had pledges and we spent according to what our pledges were," she said.

The campaign filing identifies \$95,000 in unpaid expenses, but Leibovici said those have now been paid and she expects to cover the campaign deficit soon.

### There's more...

- Mayoral candidate Kristine Acielo and council candidates Taz Bouchier, Nicholas Reading, Kris Szczepanski and Raja Abbas failed to file disclosure statements.
- Two additional mayoral candidates, Joshua Semotiuk and Gordon Ward, both declared that they had self-funded their campaigns, which candidates are able to do if their expenses are below \$10,000.

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# City transit bus driver gives back to students

**Green half full.** Four Jasper Place students received glasses from the driver



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It all started with a high five.

Edmonton Transit bus operator Will S. always makes sure to acknowledge his 'regulars.' Sometimes it's just with a simple 'hello,' sometimes it's with some baked goods he made the night before. But on Monday, the bus driver decided to go above and beyond the call of duty for four high school students.

## In numbers

4

Four students received a glass each from the ETS operator who has been driving buses for about four years.

For the last few months, the four graduates-to-be have hopped onto his 150 bus route, sometimes giving Will a high five as they board or just simple greeting.

As a graduation present, the bus driver gave the students each a glass painted with their Jasper Place high school's red and black colours and their grad year underneath.

"I remember when I went

to high school, Grade 12 was fun and the girls seem like they're making the most of it," said the ETS bus operator of nearly four years.

The glasses are all unique, something that can also be said about the students, said Will, who called upon his girlfriend's brother, hand-blown glasswork artist Keith Walker, to create the glasses.

"I've felt really honoured in a sense because it's not something you would expect or that you would get on a daily basis, said Yvone Joubert, one of the students.

Although he may see many of the same people everyday, Will says he shows the same level of professionalism for all transit users.

"I try to greet everybody the same," he said.



William S., an Edmonton Transit bus operator, always greets patrons as they board his 150 bus, including Yvone Joubert, one of four Jasper Place students who received glasses for their high school graduation from the ETS worker on Monday. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

## We're No. 3!

Edmonton ranks third best in Canada to survive zombie attack

Edmonton is the third best place to be if you want to increase your chances of surviving a zombie attack.

After spotting a U.S. blog post, Edmontonian Michael Ross used statistical data based around six factors to judge which Canadian cities would do well in a zombie apocalypse.

"The analysis uses real statistics published by the RCMP, Statistics Canada, and Environment Canada, but I wouldn't consider it scientific," he wrote in an emailed statement.

Regina and St. John's are higher than Edmonton.

Cities like Windsor and Toronto scored the lowest.

STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

# Mental health under investigation by students



From left: Nikhil George, Jimmy Kang and Nicholas Yee.  
CONTRIBUTED

With the hint of spring comes the certainty of final exams and a group of University of Alberta students are working to bring awareness to potential mental health concerns through an online magazine.

Launched over a year ago by the student-led team, the Pro Story magazine focuses

on bringing student-related issues to the forefront, explained co-founder Jimmy Kang.

As a second year university student himself, Kang said investigating mental health concerns at this time of year is important for students.

"We saw that there is a

pressing issue on this subject matter. I've seen a lot of students on U of A Confessions talk about how stressful (school) can be and how depressed they get," Kang said.

Since the issue was launched Monday, there have been more than 3,000 views.

"Right now we have a

stigma around student mental health," he explained. "I feel like there is room for improvement and room for advocacy."

Kang said he wants to see students come together as the voice for fellow students.

"I feel like there is a movement we can collectively take part in and break

the stigma," he added.

More information on the magazine and the current Mental Health Matters issue can be found online at prostory.ca.

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# Pistorius testifies at trial: 'I sat over Reeva and I cried'

**South Africa.** An emotional Pistorius recounts details of girlfriend's death

A subdued Oscar Pistorius on Tuesday described dinner at home, chatting and looking at cellphone photos with Reeva Steenkamp on the last night of her life. Then he erupted in anguished howls and heaving sobs while testifying at his murder trial about the moments when he says he realized he shot his girlfriend through a closed toilet door.

The spectacle of what appeared to be a tormented man highlighted the drama of the runner's inspirational rise and sudden fall. The South African double-amputee captured the world's attention when he successfully fought for permission to run in the 2012 Olympics on his prostheses. The next year, he was facing charges for kill-



Oscar Pistorius's sister Aimee, right, cries as he testifies in court.  
KIM LUDBROOK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ing the woman he said he loved.

The court in Pretoria, the South African capital, adjourned because of the athlete's breakdown.

"I sat over Reeva and I cried," Pistorius said, telling how he broke open the stall door in his bathroom in the early hours

of Feb. 14, 2013 to discover his bloodied girlfriend.

Pistorius said in statements that he shot Steenkamp after mistaking her for an intruder in his bathroom. The athlete said he felt fearful and vulnerable as he moved to the bathroom, walking only on his stumps.

The 27-year-old Olympian faces a life sentence with a minimum of 25 years before parole if convicted. The judge will deliver the verdict because South Africa does not have a jury system.

Earlier Tuesday, Pistorius denied three other charges against him relating to firing a gun in public on two occasions.

He said he wasn't to blame for a shot going off in a busy restaurant because a friend handed him an "unsafe" gun.

Attempting to emphasize the runner's vulnerability, his lawyer prompted Pistorius to take off his prosthesis and stand on his stumps by the bullet-marked toilet door.

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## Irish visit full of symbolism

Irish President Michael D. Higgins walks alongside Britain's Queen Elizabeth II at Windsor Castle on Tuesday. Higgins marks Ireland's first official visit to Britain since its independence, a symbolic gesture for the two countries with a troubled history. PETER MACDIARMID/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Protests

## Tensions rise in eastern Ukraine

Ukraine's government struggled to stay in control of the country's eastern regions as tensions flared Tuesday in three cities.

While the government managed to recapture its regional headquarters and detain dozens of pro-Russian protesters in one city, it said "radicals" were keeping 60 people hostage and threatening them in another city.

Earlier Tuesday, authorities regained control over a government building in Kharkiv. Protesters were evicted and dozens detained. In Donetsk, a city further south, protesters dug in for their third day a regional headquarters they captured on Sunday before declaring a parallel government.

All three cities are in Ukraine's east, where hostility is strong toward the government that took power in February after the ouster of Kremlin-friendly President Viktor Yanukovich. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Medicine. As science grows, will noses, too?

In a London hospital, scientists are growing noses, ears and blood vessels.

The work was showcased Tuesday as Mayor Boris Johnson announced a plan to attract more labs to do cutting-edge health and science research in the area.

Researchers hope they will soon be able to transplant many types of body parts, including what would be the world's first nose made partly from stem cells.

"It's like making a cake," said Alexander Seifalian, the scientist leading the effort. "We just use a different kind of oven." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Dr. Michelle Griffin poses with a synthetic ear in London.

MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sit back, relax and let the wellness flow through you

**IV league.** Vancouver opens a posh new clinic where customers enjoy an intravenous dose of vitamin therapy



EMILY JACKSON  
Metro in Vancouver

With leather reclining chairs, soft lighting, indie music and flat-screen TVs, passersby might mistake this Vancouver business for a typical lounge or spa.

But they do a double-take when they see plastic bags hanging from IV stands dripping fluids into customers' veins.

Welcome to the IV Wellness Boutique, the first dedicated intravenous vitamin therapy lounge in the city — and perhaps the country.



Patrons enjoy IV vitamin therapy at the IV Wellness Boutique in Vancouver.

TWITTER: @THEIVWELLNESS

While naturopathic physicians around the world provide vitamin drips to help relieve ailments from stress to exhaustion to hangovers — Rihanna made them famous when she posted a picture of her "party girl drip" on Twitter in 2012 — the co-owners of

this clinic believe it's the first with a social, spa-like atmosphere in Canada.

"We tried to take the clinical feel out of a clinic; we tried to make it really beautiful," naturopathic doctor Heidi Rootes said Tuesday. "We want people to feel comfortable and

### What's in the solution?

- Sugar, saline or sterile water base
- Preservative-free vitamins, minerals and/or amino acids
- For example: vitamin C, B, calcium, magnesium (depending on the treatment)

relaxed."

A typical 45-minute treatment costs \$150 out of pocket, or may be covered under extended medical care plans. It must be administered by a physician or a nurse practitioner certified in the practice.

That may not seem relaxing for those who don't like needles, but "that's the biggest stigma, the whole idea of intravenous," said Rootes, who has administered the treatment for eight years.

Rootes and co-owner Robin Szakacs want to focus on health benefits including energy boosts and back-pain relief instead of the party cure, popular in Las Vegas, L.A. and Miami. (Not to mention in Europe and Asia, where vitamin drips have long been mainstream.)

"Sure, if you put anybody that's hungover and dehydrated on an IV, they're going to feel better," Rootes said. "Sometimes I feel like that kind of cheapens what we're doing, but that's not our focus."

The risks are minimal, Rootes said. As with any needle, there's a risk of infection. People are pre-screened before treatment and the procedure is not recommended for those with kidney or heart disease.

Clientele include marathon runners, both before and after the race, people coming to and from yoga, and 80-year-olds with diabetes.



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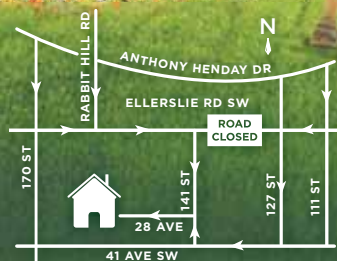
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Day of Pink

# MORE THAN JUST COLOUR COMMENTARY



**MICHAËLLE JEAN**  
27th governor general and commander-in-chief of Canada, co-chair of the Michaëlle Jean Foundation

Four years ago, my 11-year-old daughter Marie-Eden came home from school and started telling me — fast-paced, enthusiastic as can be — about the Day of Pink campaign. “You know, Mom,” she said, “I need to take action when someone is not being treated right. I need to act, even if I’m not the one directly affected.”

Marie-Eden seemed to have understood everything: the damage of discrimination, the importance of standing up to bullying, how to take concrete action, to make a difference.

I was floored. As you know, I grew up in Haiti, in a country “draped in barbed wire,” to use the

words of my uncle, the poet René Dépestre. Under the dictatorship of Papa Doc, my family taught me that indifference to the predicament of others was not an option; that having a social conscience was paramount.

And here was my child, now in Canada, teaching me the same lesson.

Since that time, I have participated in the Day of Pink and met the Jer’s Vision team. I have seen the transformative power of their work. I have seen how children and teens have gained a vocabulary, new ways to act and new tactics to show solidarity with the vulnerable. The campaign is working. And that’s why I believe in the urgent spread of this kind of intervention.

Bullying, harassment, prejudice and abuse are still rampant. Today, suicide is still the second-leading cause

of death for people aged 10 to 24 in Canada — just behind accidents. And it remains the leading cause of death among sexual-minority youth.

That is why I have chosen to work through the Michaëlle Jean Foundation on what we have dubbed the 4th Wall Youth Solidarity Project. With the Art Gallery of Ontario, Jer’s Vision and 50 human rights and health organizations, we are encouraging Canadians to show vulnerable youth from Canada’s Two-Spirit and LGBTQ communities that they are not alone; that we care; that we want them to feel included.

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# Nations within a nation



The First Filipino Baptist Church of Toronto is a key gathering spot for the rapidly growing Filipino community in Canada's largest city. DAVE STARRETT/FOR METRO

## Community

### Enclaves booming in Canada

Call it Little Italy, Chinatown or Little Manila.

No matter the name, ethnic enclaves are important to the immigrant communities they support — and the cities they're in.

For the cities themselves, traditionally large urban ones like Toronto and Vancouver, enclaves help bring in tourists looking for an authentically exotic bite or a first-hand brush with another culture.

And, in many cases, those same tourists help newcomers succeed by frequenting the businesses where they work.

"Enclaves are very lively and they help support immigrant life in a number of different ways," said Dr. Sandeep Agrawal, from the University of Alberta.

In recent years, enclaves have started branching into the suburbs of major cities, and most of Canada now has enclaves of various shapes and sizes.

If you ask Agrawal, there's no real downside to that. But, enclaves have, in the past, been cast in a bad light.

A 2003 Statistics Canada report "measured ethnic enclaves as part of an isolation index, meaning those who live in enclaves are isolated and that enclaves are bad," Agrawal said.

A followup paper "debunked that myth," showing that the communities actually help people adjust and, eventually, thrive in Canada.

Another myth is that the words "enclave" and "ghetto" can be used interchangeably.

"Ghetto is an old word which is based on racial and economic exclusion," Dr. Mohammad Qadeer of Queen's University said. "A ghetto is also a large concentration of poverty."

"Enclaves are not ghettos."

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**Immigrants banding together.** Tight-knit communities offer support to new arrivals



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Metro in London, Ont.

Cely Velez was 39 when she came to Toronto in 1997, leaving her home in the Philippines behind.

"My mom is here and she was not that young anymore," Velez said, adding that her lone sister lives in California with six children. "So for me, I wanted to be the one responsible for my mom's care."

Velez is the business administrator at the First Filipino Baptist Church of Toronto. Sitting in the heart of the city with a congregation of about 410 people, the church is a focal point for Toronto's burgeoning Filipino community — the fastest growing enclave of immigrants in the nation, one expert said.

Dr. Sandeep Agrawal, a specialist in ethnic enclaves at the University of Alberta, said recent years have seen a big influx of immigrants from the Philippines, "even superseding (those from) India and China."

A 2011 National Household Survey showed 662,600 persons of Filipino descent now live in Canada.

Agrawal said the Filipino enclave is replacing one of Canada's oldest communities — the Jewish enclaves in central Toronto.

Dr. Mohammad Qadeer, professor emeritus of urban

and regional planning at Queen's University in Kingston, said there are two dimensions to ethnic enclaves.

The first is a "residential concentration of people" and the other is a combination of various facilities, commercial establishments and churches, which together comprise an ethnic enclave.

"The most concentrated residential groups are Jews and then Italians and then Portuguese," Qadeer said.

Ultimately, the communities within communities help more established immigrants support those who are newer to Canada.

Velez falls into the second category of enclaves — her work and personal life both revolving around the First Filipino Baptist Church.

"It's always church-related events," Velez said. "We usually go into each other's homes. That's very, very important for us."

## Where we come from

2010

36,580 people

Philippines

30,251 people

India

30,196 people

China

2011

34,911 people

Philippines

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China

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### American Airlines

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If you use miles to get a free ticket on American Airlines, you may have to pay to check that suitcase.

American and US Airways announced changes Tuesday to their policies on checked-bag fees and redeeming miles for free flights. Passengers traveling on American on miles they earned or who paid full price for an economy seat won't get free checked bags anymore.

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### Copyright

## Hollywood studios sue Megaupload

Hollywood studios are suing the defunct file-sharing website Megaupload and its founder, Kim Dotcom, claiming the website facilitated massive copyright infringement.

The lawsuit was filed Monday in federal court in Alexandria, Va., seeking unspecified damages.

Megaupload and Dotcom already face criminal charges for copyright infringement.

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### Greenpeace

## P&G changes palm oil policy after protests

The Procter & Gamble Co. has updated its policy on palm oil following high-profile protests by Greenpeace at its Cincinnati headquarters.

The world's largest consumer products company said Tuesday that it has adopted a "no-deforestation" policy for its palm oil supply.

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# 'Chicken cup' cracks \$36 million



The Meiyintang "chicken cup" from the Chinese Ming Dynasty at a press conference in Hong Kong Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Something to squawk about. Small porcelain piece from Ming Dynasty lays record profit at Sotheby's auction

touted as the "holy grail" of China's art world for \$36 million US at a Hong Kong auction on Tuesday, smashing the previous world record price for Chinese porcelain.

Sotheby's said Liu Yiqian was the winning bidder for the small white cup, which measures just 8 centimetres in diameter and is more than 500 years old. The vessel is known

as a "chicken cup" because it's decorated with a rooster and hen tending to their chicks.

It was made during the reign of the Ming Dynasty's Chenghua Emperor, who ruled from 1465 to 1487. Sotheby's said there are only 17 such cups in existence, with four in private hands and the rest in museums.

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## 50 more stores. Walmart ramps up growth in India after split with partner

Walmart says it will open 50 more wholesale stores in India over the next four to five years, adding to the current total of 20 in the country.

These stores, known as cash-and-carry outlets, cater to retailers, rather than to individuals.

Walmart also said Tuesday it plans to launch an online operation for cash-and-carry customers in India.

The world's largest retailer announced last Octo-

ber that it was splitting from its Indian business partner Bharti Enterprises and said it couldn't go forward with plans for its own retail stores in India because strict government regulations on sourcing from local small businesses make it impossible. Walmart's growth in India has also been hampered because of an internal bribery investigation that's making the discounter evaluate its practices abroad.

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Walmart aims to open 50 more wholesale stores in India. GETTY IMAGES

## U.S. Drugmaker hit with \$9B penalty over diabetes medicine linked to cancer

A U.S. jury ordered Japanese drugmaker Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. and its U.S. counterpart, Eli Lilly and Co., to pay \$9 billion US in punitive damages over a diabetes medicine linked to cancer. The drug companies said Tuesday they will "vigorously challenge" the decision.

The U.S. District Court in western Louisiana ordered a \$6 billion penalty for Takeda and

\$3 billion for its business partner and co-defendant Eli Lilly. It also ordered \$1.5 million in compensatory damages in favour of the plaintiff.

The legal fight turned on whether Actos, which is a drug used to treat Type 2 diabetes, caused a patient's bladder cancer and by implication was responsible for other cases of the cancer.

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## IMF forecast. Canada's economy has some bright spots amid the grey clouds

The International Monetary Fund has again upgraded its projection for Canada's economy, but the latest outlook shows it is far from sold on the country's underlying fundamentals.

"Downside risks to the outlook still dominate, including from weaker-than-expected

exports resulting from competitive challenges, lower commodity prices and a more abrupt unwinding of domestic imbalances," it warns. "Indeed, despite the recent moderation in the housing market, elevated household leverage (debt) and house prices remain a key vulnerability."

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I can keep throwing stats at you. But I should stop now and concentrate on my driving.

And so should you, if this morning's commute is any indication. Here's just a sample of the things we did in traffic today:

While travelling at least 60 clicks an hour, a woman in a



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Range Rover had the visor down and appeared to be putting on makeup while talking to her friend on her handheld. As far as I can tell, the Pomeranian in her lap was doing the driving.

A line of people stopped at the red light appeared to be deep in prayer, so deep that the light changed and nobody noticed. Their faces were bathed in a strange, blue glow.

Soccer mom policed a van-load of kids while talking on her handheld. Yikes.

And it was breakfast time in the fast lane: muffins, very hot coffee, lip-searing burritos and sandwiches, assorted Tupperware from home, apples oranges bananas, oh my.

Any one of these distractions has a well-documented effect on your attention span. Yet we continue to drive through a multi-tasking medley of contortions. Our cars do double duty as kitchens, bathrooms, media centres and bedrooms (pets included).

What's interesting is that with the exception of handheld

devices, most of this nonsense is not cut-and-dry illegal.

"Excuse me ma'am, but that's a \$167 fine for driving with a Pomeranian in your lap. You're lucky it wasn't a Great Dane ..."

Nevertheless, it's dawning on governments that unless they do something soon, we won't make it through rush hour.

In British Columbia, which has some of the toughest drunk driving laws in North America, the attorney general is aghast that, with one third the population, it has more distracted driving deaths than Ontario.

Maybe that's because Ontario has already jacked up its distracted driving fine from \$155 to \$280. In an amusing touché, it goes to \$500 if you contest it and lose, which should clear up a lot of nuisance court cases.

B.C. will probably raise its fines soon, and may even attach points to licences. Yet you have to wonder if enforcement is the answer. The province issued 51,000 tickets for distracted driving last year, but if this morning's circus on wheels is any indication, no one has noticed.

Their "minds" are elsewhere.

## ZOOM

### Seeing is revealing



COURTESY LIU BOLIN/SCREAM GALLERY

#### Artist blends into his surroundings

Glance at it and you'll see nothing remarkable, but take a closer look and you can spot the figure of a man standing in the background. Behold Liu Bolin, the globally-renowned Chinese artist gifted with the uncanny knack to use body paint to blend into any backdrop. His first solo exhibition in the U.K., *The Heroic Apparition*, is open at London's *Scream Gallery* until May 10. **METRO**

#### Artist's viewpoint



**world. I chose to merge with the environment."**

Liu Bolin, 41, artist based in Beijing  
At a recent TED conference, Bolin said: "By making myself invisible, I try to question the inter-cancelling relationship between our civilization and its development."

**"Each one chooses his or her path to come in contact with the external**

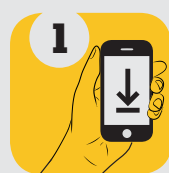
#### A silent protest against the state

While his camouflage technique speaks of eccentricity, Bolin's message behind his artwork is in fact solemn and political in tone — a "silent protest against the state" for Chinese authorities' crackdown on artists. "I am standing, but there is a silent protest, the protest against the environment for the survival, the protest against the state," he said in a statement.

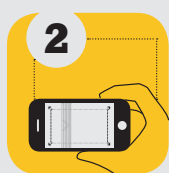
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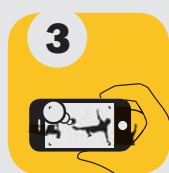
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### Subway ride gets riled by a rat



**ANDREW FIFE**  
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Now, you may be tempted to dismiss the old saw that New Yorkers are a hardy bunch after watching this clip of a subway car packed with such supposedly indomitable souls losing their minds over a single wayward rat. But don't be so swift to judge. Because upon closer inspection, you'll notice that there isn't a single pant leg tucked into a single sock anywhere on this supposedly panic-filled car. We bet you don't feel so tough now. Those New Yorkers, man. Resolute.



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# Taken with a bird's-eye view

**Feathers in filmdom's cap.** Rio 2's macaw Tyler Blu latest bird to vie for a perch in Hollywood's avian pecking order



**IN FOCUS**  
Richard Crouse  
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Hollywood's two most famous birds must be Donald Duck and Woody Woodpecker. Between them they've starred in almost 300 films.

This weekend Donald and Woody are joined by Tyler Blu Gunderson, a rare male Spix's macaw, voiced by Jesse Eisenberg making his second big screen appearance in Rio 2. He's joined by a cast of fine feathered friends, including a yellow canary (Jamie Foxx), a rapping red-crested cardinal (will.i.am) and a sulphur-crested cockatoo (Jemaine Clement), as they leave their home in Rio de Janeiro for the Amazon rainforest.

The colourful co-stars in Rio 2 are animated, which makes them a much more agreeable lot than Tippi Hedren's castmates in her most famous movie. In the Alfred Hitchcock film The Birds, she plays a wealthy socialite visiting Bodega Bay in Northern California when hundreds of ravens, seagulls and pigeons begin viciously attacking the townsfolk.

Some of the birds were props, but many of them were all too real. Actors with ground meat and anchovies daubed on them to entice the birds escaped with nips and scratches but Hedren took the worst of it during the shooting of the movie's famous at-



Tyler Blu Gunderson, voiced by Jesse Eisenberg, has his second big screen outing this weekend in Rio 2. CONTRIBUTED

tic scene.

She had been told mechanical birds would be used in the sequence that sees her trapped in a small room while birds attack her. When she arrived at the shoot she saw a cage built around the set and realized the plan had changed.

For a week, real birds were thrown at her by stagehands. Pecked and scratched by birds attached to her by elastic bands she screamed

and sobbed as one of them gouged her eye. It was such a traumatic sight, Cary Grant, who dropped by the set to say hello, said, "You're one brave lady."

It's no wonder Hedren chose Marnie, and not The Birds, as her favourite Hitchcock leading role.

As distressing as the shoot for The Birds might have been, the movie is now considered a classic.

That can't be said for a

film inspired by Hitchcock's avian terror.

Birdemic: Shock and Terror director James Nguyen says the inspiration for his movie dates back to 2006 when he saw a flock of seagulls flying toward him at Half Moon Bay south of San Francisco. The sight reminded him of Hitchcock's film, but he thought, "What if I make a movie where instead of seagulls and crows, it's birds of prey? There's nothing more shock-

ing than eagles and vultures."

The self-financed film took four years to finish and laid an egg in theatres before it became a cult hit as one of the worst film ever made.

When asked what Hitchcock would have thought of Birdemic, Nguyen told Empireonline.com, "I think Mr. Hitchcock would forgive a lot of its imperfections and say, 'James, you did what you could. Do another one and try to do it better.'"

# 2 SCENE

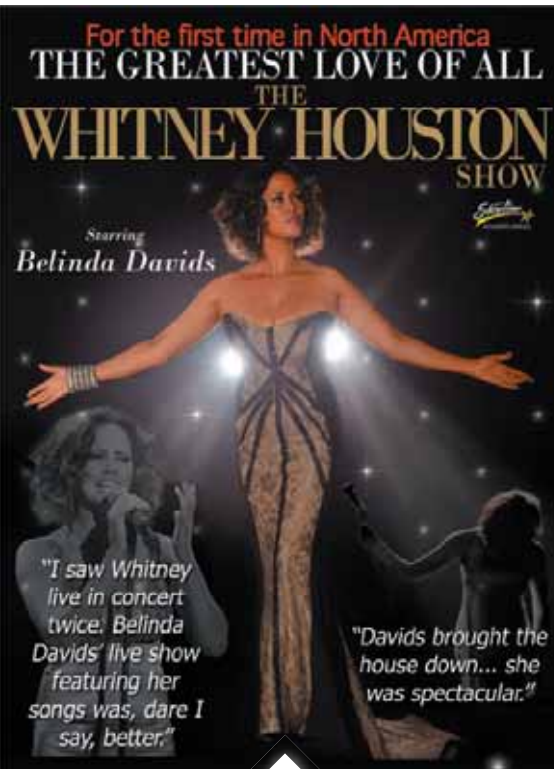
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# Mad Men creator tells no tales for last time

**Hush-hush final season.**  
Show's creator muses on the strangeness of no more secrets

Chat with Matthew Weiner these days and you feel the added depth of his *Mad Men* immersion.

When its bifurcated final season begins Sunday at 10 p.m. EDT on AMC (with seven episodes, to be followed by seven more next year), the second of those final hours will be shooting, while the fifth of seven final scripts will be taking shape on the page.

And then?

The looming end has taken root in the *Mad Men* conversation among fans, even as they mark time waiting for the 14 new installments. Meanwhile, Weiner, as the auteur of this landmark drama series, voices both resolve and wonderment at his task of bringing *Mad Men* in for a landing.

His goal, he says, is not to wallop the audience with a grand parting shot, but something more gently profound: "To leave the characters in a place where they're going to be in viewers' imaginations forever."

Weiner has said many times he hit upon some semblance of that "fitting end" several years ago.

And yet: Pulling the plug on a TV series goes against every instinct of the person in charge, he says — the person whose primary duty is to keep the show alive and well, week after week.

Even for a series veteran like Weiner (who was a writer-producer of *The Sopranos* as well as the sitcom *Becker*), his mission to end *Mad Men* is "a totally antithetical thing, an exercise that is outside my realm of experience."

Last season's fade-out found Don Draper (series star Jon Hamm) who, at the series' start was fiercely guarded about his past, coming clean to his three kids: Don stood with them outside the former whorehouse where he, born



Creator Matthew Weiner talks with actress Jessica Pare on the set of *Mad Men*. JAMIE TRUEBLOOD/AMC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dick Whitman, was raised as an orphan.

Now, how does the new season pick up the action?

As usual, Weiner made sure the preview he shared with TV critics was accompanied by a laundry list of details not to be divulged: Things like when it takes place and what's going on with Don's work and private life.

What, then, can be shared?

That the episode, written by Weiner, is richly satisfying. That the cast remains terrific. That the series seems headed confidently down its home stretch.

Pretty much the rest is meant to stay hush-hush.

But secrecy is not simply an obsession for Weiner. It's a marketing strategy that serves *Mad Men* well.

"This was a decision I made at the show's pilot stage," he says. He pointed to January Jones, who plays Don's ex and at the show's inception was still his wife. "She was not part of any of the press material for the first season, because I didn't want anyone who watched the pilot to know until its final moments

## Where the story left off

Viewers will remember that at the close of last season, Don was left in disarray. He had been sidelined by his ad agency after suffering a meltdown at a client meeting. His loving wife Megan walked out on him after one too many broken promises.

- The 1960s have been hard on Don. A man who years before assumed another man's identity, he has shaped his sense of self, and his career, from cultural models that

seem to grow increasingly outdated as the '60s wear on. Don is on a downward spiral as he hits middle age, fast becoming an old fogey in a youth-obsessed era. Or so it may have seemed to some viewers.

- Weiner doesn't see him that way.
- "The world is changing. That was the original intention of the show. And change makes everybody feel out of place."

that Don was married."

Weiner laughs, recalling the first table read for this obscure new series on an also-ran network as he demanded confidentiality from his cast.

"Everybody looked at me like we'd be lucky if spoilers were a problem for this show. 'They were thinking, 'You really want us to keep things a secret?'"

"Not all entertainment has to be this way," Weiner acknowledges, "but I thought that the surprise of our storytelling would be a smart marketing decision. Luckily, AMC agreed, right from the beginning." And as Weiner hoped, it helped get the show noticed — and still does.

Now the end is in sight. How to pull it off in a way that does justice to the series and its fans? And to viewers who have yet to discover it, and won't until all the cats are out of the bag?

"If *Mad Men* continues to be watched after its ending airs, whoever approaches it will know how it ends," Weiner muses almost wistfully. "However we end the show, there won't be any more secrets. That's kind of weird." He means to leave a show behind that will satisfy latecomers, too.

But that's all ahead.

"Before then," he declares, "we've got a lot of ground to cover." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Goal going into the final season

**"To leave the characters in a place where they're going to be in viewers' imaginations forever."**

*Mad Men* creator Matthew Weiner





Lindsay Lohan ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Perhaps LiLo should lie low and not go to Coachella with her mom

Lindsay Lohan insists she's back on the straight and narrow with her sobriety, despite slipping and having "one glass of wine" shortly after her last stint in rehab. But folks in her inner circle think her plans to attend the rowdy Coachella music festival in the California desert — especially with party-happy mom Dina Lohan along for the ride — is a terrible, terrible idea, according to Radar Online.

"Lindsay should not be going to Coachella. And having Dina with her isn't really making anyone feel comfortable that she will be a good chaperone. It's a big alcohol and drug festival and it is the last place that Lindsay should be," a source says.

"Lindsay swears that she'll stay sober, but Coachella is a huge party and there are going to be so many temptations for her. Everyone is really worried about her."

## Kirsten rides into mother lode of controversy on knight in shining armour

Kirsten Dunst is causing a bit of an uproar with her thoughts about traditional gender roles. "I feel like the feminine has been a little undervalued," she tells the U.K. edition of Harper's Bazaar in an interview.

"We all have to get our own jobs and make our own money, but staying at home, nurturing, being the mother, cooking — it's a valuable thing my mom created. And sometimes, you need your knight in shining armour."



Kirsten Dunst

I'm sorry. You need a man to be a man and a woman to be a woman. That's why relationships work."

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word



## Scarlett adds nickname insult to sexy inquiry injury

Whatever you do, never call Scarlett Johansson "Scarjo" to her face, as the Captain America: the Winter Soldier star can't stand the nickname.

"I associate that name with, like, a pop star," she tells Glamour magazine,

saying that the nickname "sounds tacky. It's lazy and flippant. There's something insulting about it."

That's not the only grievance she airs in the interview, as Johansson also takes on the long-standing double standards of Hollywood for men and women.

"Actresses get stupid questions asked of them all the time, like, 'How do you stay sexy?' or 'What's your sexiest quality?' All these ridiculous things you would never ask a man."

METRO WORLD NEWS



Ed Sheeran

## Sheeran doesn't get why every girl crazy 'bout this ginger-haired man

Soft-spoken ginger singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran doesn't mind fans going nuts over him, even if he doesn't quite understand their passion. "I don't see myself as a sex symbol, but if other people do, I'm not going to complain," he tells Billboard magazine.

"I'm a singer that you never want to see shirtless. No one does! I haven't got a six-pack or pecs." When informed that there clearly are some Sheeran fans who would be up for him taking off his shirt, he shrugs. "To each their own," he says.



Katy Perry, left, and Lady Gaga



## Do-uelling chanteuses flash locks in clashing chartreuses

So, slow gossip days mean round-ups of new celebrity hairstyles! We know, we know: This job is exciting.

First up, Maggie Gyllenhaal, who debuted a blonde pixie cut at the Cannes Film Festival on Monday night. The choice was a bit more conventional than Katy

Perry's. She showed off her new 'do on Instagram Tuesday with the tag line "Slime green for spring, duh."

Speaking of green, Lady Gaga had a bit of the hue in her wild hair while closing down New York City's Roseland Ballroom on Monday night.

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# 3 LIFE

## God gave rock 'n' roll to you

### KISS gives you this.

The painted rockers are getting inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, so why not celebrate with a tour of some KISS-themed attractions?

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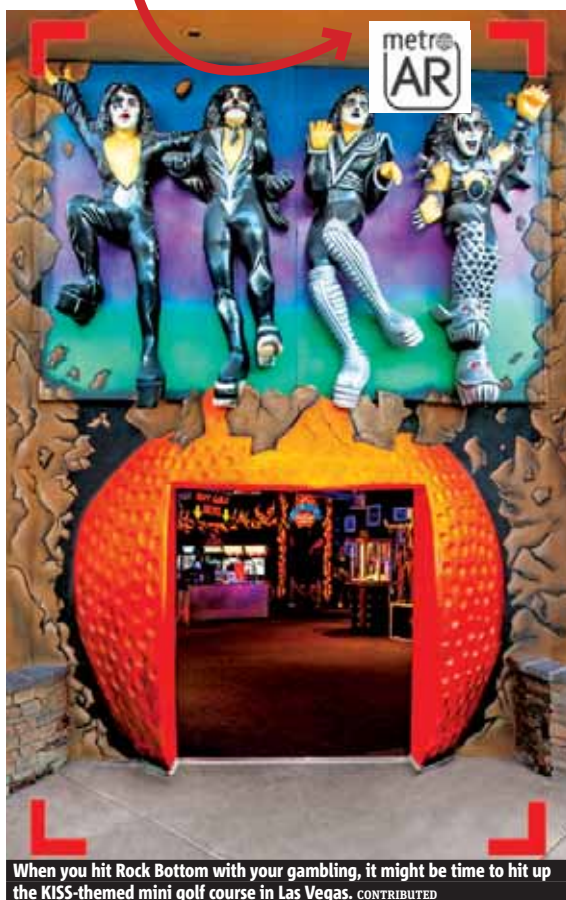
On Thursday, one of the biggest rock acts in the world is finally being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. But if fans of KISS can't make it to Brooklyn's Barclays Center for the ceremony, not to worry — there are many other ways to honour the face-painted performers whose career has spanned four decades. Here are a few other innovative KISS attractions in North America:

#### Plaster Caster

Niagara Falls may boast brilliant views of one of the natural wonders of the world but if you want waxy replicas of relentless guitar gods, Rock Legends Wax Museum at the top of carnivalesque Clifton Hill presents plaster casters of KISS as one of its most sought-after spectacles.

#### Calling Dr. Love

There are countless wedding chapels in Las Vegas but only one offers a fire-breathing Gene Simmons impersonator to stand as your Sinister Minister.



When you hit Rock Bottom with your gambling, it might be time to hit up the KISS-themed mini golf course in Las Vegas. CONTRIBUTED

The Hotter Than Hell Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas features concert-atmosphere nuptials on a KISS replicated stage (complete with fog machines), concert ticket invites and a live webcast. Even the real Gene

Simmons has popped in and joined newlyweds as a witness. Visit [kissweddingchapel.com](http://kissweddingchapel.com).

#### Walk the Rock

Sure, Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood is where fans



KISS even has their own Arena Football League team in L.A. CONTRIBUTED

#### Gods of gridiron

Earlier this month the team Los Angeles KISS debuted in the Arena Football League. Not just an incidental moniker, the squad is co-owned by Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley and they're not afraid to show it in uniforms designed with flames and the



band's iconic logo. Games will even feature rock bands stoking up lulls in play ensuring that the Gridiron Gods of L.A. rock 'n' roll all night ... and party every game. See [lakissfootball.com](http://lakissfootball.com).

can compare their handprints in cement with those of Tinseltown's biggest actors, but a few miles away at Guitar Center's Rockwalk on Sunset Boulevard, hard rock devotees can measure their mitts against their favourite KISS member. Step inside the Hollywood landmark and check out Paul Stanley's "Iceman" guitar and boots on display. Visit [rockwalk.com](http://rockwalk.com).

#### Putt it Out Loud

Just when mini-golf couldn't

get any more exciting, now at the KISS by Monster Mini Golf in Las Vegas, fans can play golf on a well-designed glow-in-the-dark 18-hole course while hits like Detroit Rock City blast over loudspeakers.

Who doesn't want to ace a hole-in-one by putting up the extended tongue of an enormous Gene Simmons head? Surprisingly, it's actually popular for kids' birthday parties. [monsterminigolf.com/kiss](http://monsterminigolf.com/kiss).

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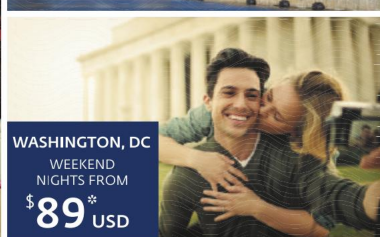
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## The Boulevards

Tel Aviv's founders envisioned a "garden city" in which small roads lead into green enclaves nestled inside a bustling urban landscape. Visitors get a sense of this unique design thanks to the wide tree-lined walkways and bike paths that split the six boulevards of the city (Rothschild, Chen, Nordau, Ben-Gurion, Ben-Zion and Yerushalayim). Along trendy Rothschild, you'll get a glimpse of "The White City" — a collection of some 4,000 boxy, Bauhaus-style buildings that earned Tel Aviv UNESCO recognition as a World Heritage Site. On Ben-Gurion, the home of the boulevard's namesake (and Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion) can be toured free of charge.



## The Beaches

A dozen municipal beaches stretch out along 14 kilometres of coast, offering ample space for relaxing in the soft sand and dipping in the warm Mediterranean waters. Access is free of charge and some offer extra amenities such as beach volleyball courts and outdoor exercise equipment. You can also observe and partake in Israel's unofficial national sport of matkot, or beach paddleball. The pros come out to the Hilton Beach early Saturday mornings, where the fast-paced sound of balls smacking echoes along the promenade. Later, tourists are also welcome to join public sessions of Israeli folk dancing.



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## Jaffa

The biblical Mediterranean port city of Jaffa is part of the joint Tel Aviv-Jaffa municipality. It offers a gateway into the city's origins, with synagogues, churches, mosques and clock towers from the Ottoman era open to visitors. In Old Jaffa, walk down the ancient cobblestone alleyways, pop into pottery stores or just grab a seat to stare at the glistening waters below. A renovated port area with myriad restaurants and coffee shops offers a pleasant place to walk by the sea, where rickety fishermen's ships still dock. Cool off from the blazing heat at the port's new indoor market.



## Nve Tzedek

Long before Tel Aviv became a city in 1909, the first Jewish neighbourhood to emerge from Jaffa was Neve Tzedek. Hebrew for Oasis of Justice, today it is a Soho-like enclave, lined with upscale designer stores and shops and galleries, but it also maintains its original feel of a quaint village. Explore the main Shabazi Street, but also the smaller passageways that house boutiques and trendy coffee shops. The neighbourhood's flagship Suzanne



Dellal Center offers pricey dance performances, but only a short walk away you can find the renovated Hata-

chana, Tel Aviv's old railway station, where live music can be enjoyed while observing outdoor art exhibits.

## The Yarkon Park

Tel Aviv's primary open space sits along the Yarkon River and offers a perfect place for a jog, a stroll or a picnic. Renting kayaks will cost money, but you can lazily lounge along the riverbank as long as you want or visit a free mini-petting zoo. Those in the mood for more adventure can try scaling the outdoor climbing walls or join a pickup soccer or basketball game.



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# How Polkaroo put me on the right career path

## From host to the most.

As TalentEgg.com launches its exciting Challenges platform, one Egger tells her own tale of working toward greatness

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When I was about 10 years old, I decided my goal in life was to be a TVO Kids host. Thirteen years, one university degree and 25 pairs of jeans later, this remained my life ambition.

So, after helplessly sending out resumé after resumé and putting in way too many hours into a job I couldn't care less about in order to pay those bills, I decided perhaps this was life's way of telling me to chase that dream.

I signed up to volunteer with Ontario public broadcaster TVO, and when they offered me a gig timing a ping-pong tournament with Polkaroo, I figured this was the breakthrough I had always been waiting for.

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I smiled at people. I even talked to some — and in doing so I ended up meeting my current boss. Fast forward one year, and I'm happily employed in an industry I never thought I'd be in. I'm not a TVO Kids host — but in pursuing that dream my ambitions changed into something completely unexpected and even more exciting.

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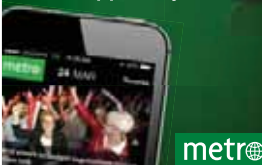
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# A kick of heat for this meat

**Orange Sriracha Maple Chicken Thighs with Spring Greens.** Orange juice moonlights as a tenderizer in this dish



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## FLASH FOOD



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Looking for some spice in your life at dinner time? Well, Orange Sriracha Maple Chicken Thighs with Spring Greens might help you feed that craving.

These smoky and spicy chicken thighs are addictive with their balance of heat and sweet.

Chicken thighs are tender and offer up juiciness and flavour while being easy to prepare thanks to Florida orange juice, which helps add flavour and tenderize the chicken for a deliciously moist bite every time.

The sweet hint of orange juice is paired with a spicy kick of sriracha chili sauce and local pure maple syrup, making this a truly great introduction for spring that could become a quick favourite.

**1.** In a large resealable bag, combine orange juice, paprika, garlic, oregano, chili



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sauce and maple syrup. Add chicken; seal bag and turn to massage chicken evenly. Refrigerate for at least one hour or up to overnight.

**2.** Place chicken on oiled, preheated grill over medium heat, turning once or twice for 10 to 15 minutes or until no longer pink inside and juices run clear.

**3.** Spring Green Toss: In a large bowl, toss greens with oil, vinegar, Florida orange

### Ingredients

- 3/4 cup (175 ml) orange juice
- 2 tsp (10 ml) smoked paprika
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 ml) dried oregano or 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped oregano
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) sriracha chili sauce
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) pure maple syrup
- 2 lbs (1 kg) boneless skinless chicken thighs (about 12)

### Spring Green Toss

- 1 pkg (142 g) mixed spring greens
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) white wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) orange juice
- Pinch each dried oregano, salt, pepper

juice, oregano, salt and pepper and serve with chicken.

### Cooking tips

- Orange juice is a staple in many homes and most often enjoyed at breakfast. But start thinking outside the box at the dinner table and add some orange juice to a sauce or dressing for flavour and enhancement. You might just get a bit more creative each time you step into the kitchen.
- Trim any visible fat from chicken thighs before marinating.
- Sriracha has a big kick of heat, so for a milder version use only two tbsp (30 ml) of the sauce in the recipe. Look for it in the international aisle of your grocery store.

## Fine sweet and tangy balance

The trouble with sweet-and-sour chicken is that the flavour is mostly sweet and weirdly acidic. It never seems to deliver on the satisfying balance of gently sweet and

teasingly sour.

A caramel-based sauce spiked with ginger, lime juice and fish sauce is the solution.

The result is deliciously sweet, but equally tangy and

savoury. Be warned: These Sweet-and-Tangy Caramelized Chicken Thighs are not the gloopy red sweet-and-sour with pineapple and cherries you know from the takeout box. They're better!

**1.** In a large saucepan over medium heat, combine the sugar and water. Bring to a simmer and cook without stirring for about 10 minutes, or until the sugar has browned and thickened to caramel. Stir in the fish sauce, being careful of sputtering, then the soy sauce, ginger and lime juice.

Return to a simmer.

**2.** Meanwhile, in a large sauté pan over medium, heat the oil. Add the chicken and cook, stirring often, for 20 minutes, or until cooked through.

**3.** When the chicken has cooked, use a slotted spoon or tongs to transfer the chicken (but none of the liquid in the pan) into the caramel sauce. Toss to coat the chicken with the sauce, then transfer it to a serving platter. Top with scallions and cilantro.

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### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup fish sauce
- 2 tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tbsp grated fresh ginger
- Juice of 1/2 lime
- 1 tbsp canola or vegetable oil

- 3 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, trimmed and cut into 1/2-inch strips
- Scallions, thinly sliced, to garnish
- Fresh cilantro, chopped, to garnish



This recipe makes six servings. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



NHL

## Lightning put end to Leafs' playoff hopes

Ondrej Palat had two goals, Anders Lindback came off the bench to make 25 saves, and the Tampa Bay Lightning ended Toronto's playoff hopes by beating the Maple Leafs 3-0 on Tuesday night.

Tampa Bay goalie Ben Bishop left with 14:17 left in the first due to an undisclosed upper-body injury. He was hurt while lunging to his left and landing on his side while attempting to glove the puck. Lindback replaced Bishop, who is 37-14-7 this season for the playoff-bound Lightning.

Victor Hedman had an empty-net goal late in the third for the Lightning, who trail Montreal by two points for second place in the Atlantic Division.

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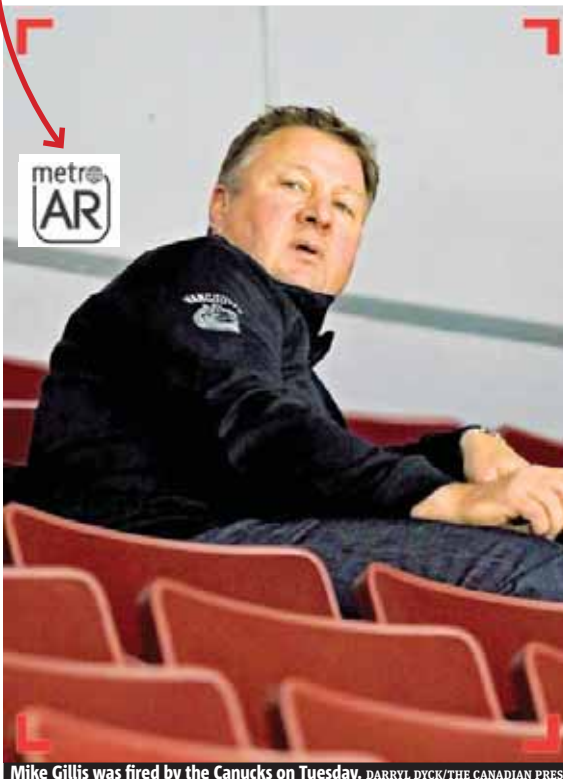
## Drunk driving charge a lesson for Valanciunas

They called it a serious mistake that Jonas Valanciunas must learn from. But otherwise, the Toronto Raptors players and staff are standing behind their starting centre after he was charged with drunk driving.

The 21-year-old apologized to his teammates, and will play in Wednesday's game against the Philadelphia 76ers, but news of his arrest drew a large contingent of media to practice on Tuesday and negative attention to a team bound for the playoffs for the first time in six seasons.

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# Canucks fans get their way



Mike Gillis was fired by the Canucks on Tuesday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## NHL. Shortly after falling out of playoffs in Vancouver, GM Gillis gets canned

Less than three years after leading the Vancouver Canucks to within a game of the Stanley Cup, Mike Gillis is out of a job.

The club fired its president and general manager on Tuesday, just 14 hours after the team was eliminated from playoff contention in a listless and embarrassing 3-0 loss to the Anaheim Ducks that had fans at a half-empty Rogers Arena chanting "fire Gillis" in the game's dying minutes.

"The Vancouver Canucks had success under Mike's leadership, and we nearly reached our ultimate goal; but I believe we have reached a point where a change in leadership and new voice is needed," team owner Francesco Aquilini said in a statement announcing the move.

The Canucks have three games remaining on their schedule, but were given Tues-

## Time for a change

Apart from this season's product on the ice, Mike Gillis had also been roundly criticized for his poor draft record, questionable free-agent signings and trades, and the handling of the Roberto Luongo saga.

day off. Aquilini was set to meet the media on Wednesday morning before the team practises.

At the NHL general managers meeting last month in Boca Raton, Fla., Gillis pointed to injuries and head coach John Tortorella's infamous locker-room incident against the Calgary Flames as reasons for a disappointing mid-season swoon that saw the team win just four of 20 games, including eight consecutive regulation losses.

Gillis was named NHL general manager of the year for the 2010-11 season and signed a contract extension after the 2011-12 campaign, but admitted in a recent radio interview that the Canucks' fall from grace put his job security in question. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## NHL. Avs smother Oilers

Erik Johnson led the way with a goal and an assist as the Colorado Avalanche gave themselves some breathing room in the playoff picture with a 4-1 victory over the Edmonton Oilers on Tuesday.

Paul Stastny, Jamie McGinn and Tyson Barrie also scored for the Avalanche (51-21-7) who have gone 7-0-1 in their last eight games.

The win gave Colorado a four-point cushion over the idle Chicago Blackhawks for second place in the Central Division and two points up

on the San Jose Sharks for third in the Western Conference.

The Avalanche set a team record for road wins with the victory, improving to 25-10-3 away from Denver.

David Perron replied for the 28th-place Oilers (28-43-9) who saw a two-game winning streak come to an end.

Both teams return to the ice on Thursday as the Oilers host the Los Angeles Kings. The Avs will visit Vancouver and play against the Canucks.

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Oilers goalie Ben Scrivens tracks the Avalanche's Gabriel Landeskog at Rexall Place on Tuesday night. DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES

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## 2014 BMW 2-series Coupé

• **Type.** Two-door, rear-wheel drive four-passenger coupe

• **Engines (hp).** 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (241); 3.0-litre DOHC I6, turbocharged (320)

• **Transmissions.** 8-speed automatic; 6-speed manual (opt.)

• **Base price (incl. destination).** \$38,100

## Design

Although similar to the outgoing 1-series coupe, the 2-series is actually more than five centimetres longer, 2.5 centimetres wider and it has a bit more space between the front and rear wheels. Thankfully, the dimensional enlargements are minimal, but the revised shape of the 2-series, especially a more elongated nose, sloping roofline and rear deck, result



in a more attractive shape. For diehard BMW spotters, the larger grille and lower air intakes are the most noticeable ways to tell if the basic Bimmer you're checking out is a 2 or a 1.

## Fuel consumption

If fuel consumption is a consideration, the 228i is rated at 8.7 l/100 km in the city and 5.4 on the highway (improved from 10.8/7.0 for the 128i). The M235i's numbers are 10.0 city and 6.4 highway. Note that both models require premium fuel.

## Basic features

Just because the 228i is the base 2-series doesn't mean it's stripped-down. Base equipment includes climate control, auto stop/start function, multi-adjustable (non-power) front seats, rain-sensing windshield wipers and a premium audio system.

# 2015 BMW 2-series Coupé



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**Review.** BMW goes back to its roots to refine and redefine the concept of a pure sporting machine

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BMW knows exactly how to position the new 2-series Coupé.

A photo on the automaker's website shows the car running neck and neck with the iconic 2002 coupe that was produced from 1968-'76. It's a comparison worth pondering as the 2002 was a benchmark sporty car, a pure one at that, for the

company. An even more interesting comparison is with the new 2014 4-series Coupé. Both models offer the same powertrains, but the 2-series base price is \$8,900 cheaper, at \$38,100. The smaller 2-series is also about 90 kilograms lighter, which should make it quicker off the line and more nimble.

The 4-series does offer more cabin space than the 2-series and the 4 can be had with BMW's xDrive all-wheel drive system that's ideal for anyone making frequent excursions to the ski slopes.

Still, driving enthusiasts on a budget or who those prefer a more minimalist approach to tackling twisty back roads are likely to find the 2-series fits their needs like a well-worn



The dashboards, control panels, floor consoles and dash-mounted display screens in both old and new appear quite similar. To the 2-series, however, BMW did add a bit more trim and enlarged the iDrive controller knob (that adjusts the climate, audio and communications systems) for easier use.

pair of driving gloves.

For stashing your gear, the trunk is slightly larger than that of the 1-series and the

back seat can be split-folded for extra space.

Under the hood of the base 228i is a turbocharged 2.0-litre



**1** Audi TT Coupé  
Base price: \$51,500  
Solidly built, with a choice of two turbo engines. AWD comes standard.



**2** Mercedes-Benz CLA  
Base price: \$36,400  
Entry-level coupe-like sedan is new for 2014. AMG version is quick.



**3** Honda Accord Coupe  
Base price: \$28,200. Cool two-door is affordable, even with optional 278-hp V6.

four-cylinder that makes 241 horsepower and 258 pound-feet of torque. It's the same engine that powers several other BMW models, including the base 4-series Coupé. The base engine in the 1-series was a non-turbo 230-horsepower four-cylinder.

Step up to the M235i Coupe and your right foot controls a turbocharged 3.0-litre six-cylinder engine with 320 horsepower and 330 pound-feet of torque.

Ultimately, what's neat about the 2-series is that it's the least expensive way to obtain a BMW, yet you're guaranteed to get the same kick for your money as with many of the company's pricier products. Talk about driving a bargain.







# The case for (and against) convertibles

**To drive or not to drive.** Sure, you get to feel the sun on your face, but everyone's judging the music you're playing



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There are a surprising number of things in this life that are love-hate. For me, the classic example is boxer underwear.

When working as designed, boxers are brilliant and you feel free and easy with the world. When boxers are bunched up, you feel pain and question your place in an uncaring world.

When it comes to love-hate things in the automotive realm, the convertible is tops.

In the right circumstances, there is no more joyful vehicle.

**The case for...**

We hardly need to go over why convertibles can be so intoxicating. Sunshine on your face (vitamin D)! Wind in your hair. A more thorough audio connection with the tuneful and joyful noises coming out of your exhaust and from the insides of your engine. More interaction with the cityscape or countryside

you're cruising through. You look marvellous behind the wheel.

**The case against...**

But let's cut it off there, because I find it more interesting to dwell on the painful aspects of owning a convertible. Don't get me wrong. I've owned convertibles in the past and loved them, and since the weather turned this weekend, spent more than a little time on Kijiji and Craigslist and Autotrader.ca perusing the ads for both modern and vintage convertibles. It's just that whole convertible experience is touch and go, at least for me.

I'm not saying I have sensitive skin, but after a few hours driving with the top down in the sun, my face looks like I've shaved with a blowtorch. And the hair ... On some people windswept hair looks marvellous. For some reason, however, the wind likes to tousle my hair in a style not normally associated with humans.

I know, just wear a hat. But if you're not a hat person, you tend to end up wearing any lousy hat that's lying around, and that goes against the too-cool-for-school vibe of the convertible.

And if you're not an extrovert, a convertible might not be for you either, as the driver of one is definitely "on display." That doesn't worry me so much

## Quoted

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Columnist Mike Goetz  
On the downsides of driving a convertible

as when you pull up to an intersection, with people waiting for transit, and you sense some are judging you on what type of music is blaring out of the stereo. So what if I like a bit of early Madonna between my Bill Frisell and Arcade Fire?

Driving in a convertible in heavy traffic, especially on the highway, can also be an exercise in noise and smell tolerance.

A convertible, top up or top down, is also not as aerodynamic as a hardtop, and while lots of convertibles now have pop-up roll bars, lots don't. Flip the car over and you're going to have a headache.

**The verdict...**

We rule in favour of the convertible. A little bit of pain, now and then. A whole lot of fun when the timing is right.

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You look pretty marvellous in a convertible — except for your wind-burned face and crazy hair. COURTESY CHEVROLET

## You're ready for a summer road trip, but is your car?



After months of winter, your car may not be ready for a long drive. NEWS CANADA

You've got your tunes, you've packed snacks and you've programmed the GPS. You might be road-trip ready, but after battling the winter weather, is your vehicle?

During the warmer months, we tend to spend more time in our cars. According to Statistics Canada, drivers average 86.7 billion kilometres between July and September, the busiest quarter of the year. So it's not difficult to see that getting your car ready for these summer conditions is crucial for accident prevention and optimal fuel economy.

"Most of us take steps to prepare our cars for winter, but doing the same for summer driving is just as critical," said Mauro Convertini, an insurance expert from Aviva Canada. "Before embarking on a road trip,

drivers should take a few moments to make sure their car is ready to roam the summer streets."

Convertini recommends the following:

- **Check your tires:** Use all-season tires and maintain your tire pressure, as both will improve your vehicle's fuel economy in warmer weather.
- **Get rain ready:** Replace your windshield wipers, which may be cracked or torn from ice, snow, salt and extreme temperatures.
- **Check air conditioning:** There's nothing worse than losing your air conditioning on a hot sunny day. You could have an issue if it can't produce or preserve temperatures that are 10 degrees Celsius below the outside air.
- **Cool your car:** Sitting in

## Quoted

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Mauro Convertini, insurance expert with Aviva Canada

traffic on a hot day is tough on your car's cooling system. Ask your mechanic to check your coolant levels at the start of the season.

• **Fight salt damage:** Replacing a salt-clogged air filter gets you more kilometres per litre.

With these tips in mind, you will be ready for your next road adventure. More information is available from your insurance broker or online at [avivacanada.com](http://avivacanada.com).

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# Suspect a staged crash? Maybe it was all a fraud

## Insurance fraud.

Crash scams usually orchestrated by organized crime where everyone involved gets a kickback

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You're waiting to make a left-hand turn, but a driver stops and waves you through. As you turn in front of him, he rams into you — and later tells the police he did no such thing.

It's a classic scenario for auto insurance fraud, a crime that rakes in billions of dollars each year from insurance companies and innocent victims across the country.

It's primarily perpetrated by organized crime, according to Rick Dubin, vice-president of investigative services for the Insurance Bureau of Canada. "They intentionally set up a collision and load up the vehicle with individuals so that when it's done, they haven't suffered any injury, but they all end up going to medical clinics claiming they're injured in order to receive benefits," he says.

Along with waving cars through on a turn, these criminals may also motion drivers to pull out of their spots in parking lots and then hit them, or cut in front of drivers and slam on the brakes to cause a rear-end crash. These

## Scammers

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Rick Dubin, vice-president of Investigative Services for the Insurance Bureau of Canada

## Facts and tips

It's estimated that auto insurance fraud is as much as \$1.6 billion per year in Ontario alone.

- The Greater Toronto Area has the highest number of staged collisions in Canada.
- Don't admit guilt or sign anything for the other driver if you're involved in any collision.

collisions then look like they were the victim's fault.

Clues that you're a target include drivers who want to call emergency vehicles, especially an ambulance, for a minor crash; passengers who complain of neck or back injuries when paramedics show up; drivers with older cars whose insurance was recently issued; "witnesses" who suddenly show up in remote areas; and tow truck drivers who respond almost immediately and offer to take your car to a specific body shop.

That shop may then damage your car even more to increase the bill, or charge your insurance company for work it didn't do, Dubin says. Meanwhile, the passengers will visit doctors who are in on the scam, and recommend unnecessary treatments for which your insurance company will pay. "We have identified well over 300 clinics throughout the Greater Toronto Area that we suspect insurance fraud is taking place," Dubin says.

Meanwhile, the organized crime ring gets a kickback from everyone involved, including the tow truck, body shop, and clinics.

If you suspect a collision is staged, Dubin says to call the police to the scene even if the crash is minor. Call your insurance company as soon as possible and alert them.

They can recommend trusted body shops to repair your vehicle. If you suspect insurance fraud at any time, you can call anonymously to 1-877-IBC-TIPS or your local Crime Stoppers.



Fraudsters may cut in front of drivers and slam on the brakes to cause a rear-end crash. COURTESY INSURANCE BUREAU OF CANADA



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The grass is said to always be greener on the other side of the fence, but when it comes to luring new car buyers into an ultra-competitive market, meaner has become much more fashionable than greener. In a tactical about-face from what vehicle manufacturers used during the auto-show season last year, ecology and efficiency are being muscled out in favour of handling and horsepower. Following are a few of the more notable trends from the 2014 auto-show season that have made many industry rivals green with envy.

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# Show stoppers

## Body by Alcoa

One trusty pick-up truck has gained the most attention this auto-show season after being unwrapped in January during the Detroit Auto Show.

With its all-aluminum body construction, the Ford F-150 shed about 300 kilograms — lighter means fuel savings — and changed the design game in this vehicle segment. The best-selling truck in America during the last three decades, the F-150 keeps the traditional steel platform, but the lighter body weight and improved fuel mileage are grabbing serious attention from every other North American truck maker.

Details remain under wraps, but The Wall Street Journal reported that General Motors has secured contracts with aluminum suppliers Alcoa and Novelis for construction of its own aluminum-bodied trucks. From a practical standpoint, the Detroit launch of the Ford F-150 will likely remain the most important vehicle debut of the auto show season.



Ford has reset the bar by making the body of the 2015 F-150 out of aluminum. Now others will be forced into it to remain competitive.

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## Techtrend

Apple Inc. used the Geneva, Switzerland, Motor Show in March to unveil its CarPlay iPhone interface system.

Mercedes-Benz, Ferrari and Volvo were just three of the manufacturers at the show to demonstrate this new interactive system that some analysts project will become practically standard equipment in many models beginning this year.

Essentially, the CarPlay interface replicates the iPhone home screen on the vehicle's centre console display. Once iPhone is connected, a button on the steering wheel activates the Siri voice-recognition technology, allowing drivers to access contacts, make calls, check voice mail, have text messages read aloud and then dictate responses, all without taking your hands off the wheel or eyes off the road. CarPlay also includes its voice-activated turn-by-turn Apple Maps navigation system that even suggests possible destinations based on phone conversations and text messages.

This system will work with iPhone 5s, iPhone 5c and iPhone 5 and will be available in select car models shipping in 2014.



If it looks like your iPhone took over your car, then you understand what CarPlay is.

## Another alternative

Hyundai used the Los Angeles Auto Show in November 2013 to introduce its 2015 Tucson Fuel Cell vehicle, which is a hydrogen-powered tall wagon set for release in North America this spring. Honda and Toyota also showcased their production-ready fuel-cell rides in L.A.

These clean-running vehicles convert hydrogen to electricity to power the vehicle. Heat and water vapour are the only emissions.

As additional incentive to potential buyers, Hyundai is offering unlimited and free hydrogen to its Tucson lessees. But given the limited number of hydrogen fuelling stations, Tucson will only be sold in the Los Angeles, Calif., area initially, where the greatest concentration of hydrogen refuelling sites exists.



Hyundai will give you free hydrogen if you opt for its fuel-cell Tucson. You need to live in the L.A. area, though.

## Driver-free driving

While Ford was improving its existing truck line, Nissan had its vision set on the future, using the stages of the Tokyo Motor Show late last year to celebrate its autonomous-vehicle technology. If Nissan's projections hold up, the Japanese automaker hopes to introduce its self-driving Leaf EV in North America "at realistic prices" in 2020.

Nissan put its autonomous vehicle through an uneventful test drive in Tokyo. This car is capable of negotiating turns, manoeuvring lane changes, recognizing stop signs and handling traffic signals, all without a driver at the wheel.



Nissan believes that if the objective is zero emissions and zero fatalities that autonomous driving — where cars take over from humans — is the way to go.

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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

If you want a straight answer to a simple question, you may be disappointed. Others are so evasive today. Maybe they have something to hide but more likely their thoughts are simply all over the place.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Make sure you keep track of where your money is coming from and, just as importantly, where it is going to, over the next few days. Someone may conveniently "forget" what they owe you.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Some people may be loud in their opposition to what you intend to do but don't let it worry or stop you. They will come round when they see how well you are doing.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Don't push yourself beyond your natural limits today. You may want to look good, but how good will it look if you collapse before the finishing line? Pace yourself.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Others may have doubts about what you are doing but you have no doubts at all and will push ahead regardless. The Sun in Aries endows you with loads of energy and almost limitless self-belief.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If someone is critical of your work today, don't let it get to you. Either they don't know what they are talking about or they are trying to make a small flaw or failing look much bigger than it actually is.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Whatever happens today, try not to take it too seriously. Others may think it's the end of the world, but you know it's nowhere near as dramatic as that. It's life, that's all.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Focus on what seems right to you and ignore what the so-called "experts" tell you. Ultimately there is no such thing as facts. There are only various shades of opinion. Yours deserve to be heard.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

The more certain people say you have taken on too much, the more determined you will be to prove them wrong. Sagittarius is a sign that likes to do things in a big way.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Steer clear of negative thoughts because once they have got their hooks in you, it will take a lot of work to break free. Everything will work out for the best in the end.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

If you want a creative endeavor to be a success, you are going to need help and this is a good time to ask. Others want to be on your team because they know it's the one most likely to win.

### Pisces

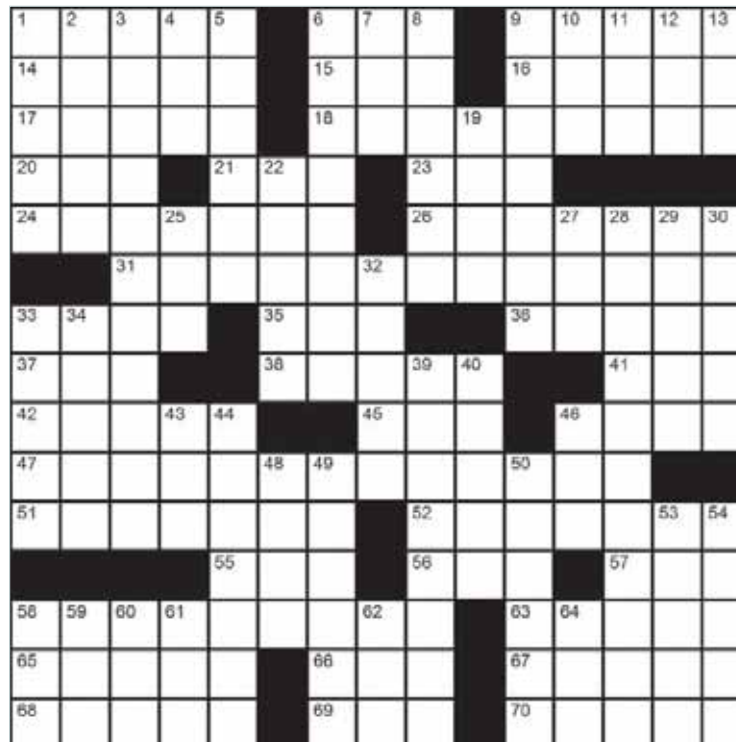
Feb. 20 - March 20

If someone changes their plans at the last moment today, don't let it show that you're not happy. Breathe deeply, count to 20, then give them a big smile and say "no problem". And never trust them again. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. Packed into boxes
6. Goat's bleat
9. Art object
14. Quick
15. Alphabetic trio
16. Best
17. Grief [var. sp.]
18. In a not-one-side-over-the-other way
20. Earlier, olde-style
21. Shopping estab.
23. Sinn Fein was its political arm, for short
24. "Soul Sacrifice" band
26. Ontario town; or, Ms. Lohan
31. Orca-viewing village on Vancouver Island that's about four-and-a-half hours north of Nanaimo: 2 wds.
33. Scoop
35. Him, in Hull
36. Ghana's capital
37. Masses, with Polloi
38. Resulted in, \_\_\_ to
41. ' ' for Iberville
42. Mr. Guthrie's
45. \_\_\_ whim: 2 wds.
46. Freeze
47. Trendy (and bloody) new skincare procedure in a cosmetic surgery clinic: 2 wds.
51. Heart
52. Feminine and masculine
55. Long-snouted fish
56. Clairvoyance, e.g.
57. Sight: French
58. Exactness
63. "\_\_\_ my case." (There's nothing more to add)
65. Plains prey
66. Keyboard key



### Down

1. Pl. suffix with 'Motor'
2. Ancient shopping locale
3. Fare for Canada's Mary Pickford (b.1892 - d.1979): 2 wds.
4. Brit band
5. Of the skin
6. Romeo's family, House of \_\_\_
7. Copy
8. 'Eagle' constellation where Altair shines
9. Flesh-chomping fish

## Yesterday's Crossword

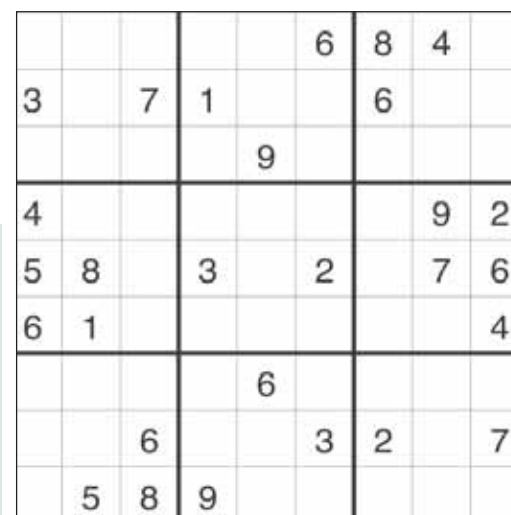


## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



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THURSDAY

FRIDAY



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MIN: -1°



MAX: 3°  
MIN: 0°



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